

SCANNED DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO

ROBERT WELCH and BIRCH SOCIETY and EXTREME RIGHT

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Every so often I will post copies of historically interesting documents which pertain to assertions made by either the John Birch Society or by other extreme right sources.

I will also post documents from FBI files pertaining to the Communist Party-USA.

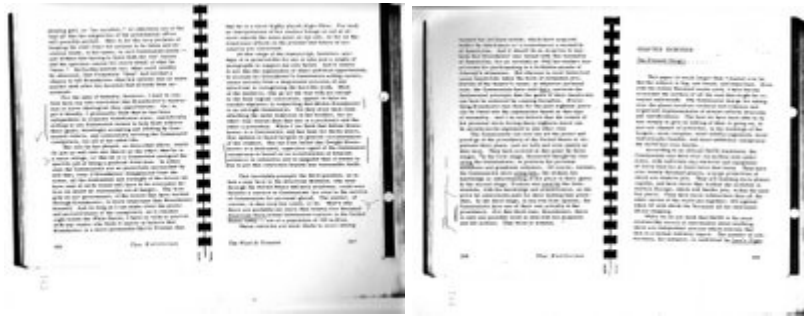
These documents come from FBI or other government agency files or from private papers and special collections archived at colleges and universities or other institutions around the country

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008	J. Edgar Hoover reply to inquiry regarding communist infiltration into clergy and religious institutions
009	Robert Morris letter to me re: his association with Harry Overstreet (Overstreet authored the 1958 book, <i>What We Must Know About Communism</i> , which the Birch Society described as "pro-Communist doubletalk".) Morris was the former Chief Counsel of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee.
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018	George Racey Jordan

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Pages 266-269 from the unpublished "private letter" version of *The Politician* circa August 1958. Click on images to enlarge. Additional information available at: **FBI FILES ON JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY**



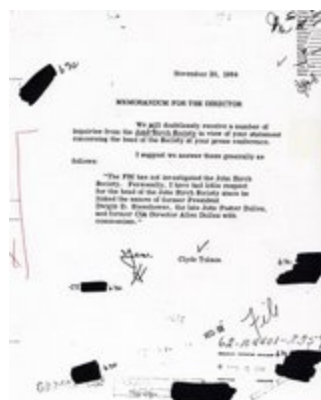
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For some unknown reason, Phyllis Schlafly has always denied that she and her husband were ever members of the John Birch Society. See, for example, the book by her biographer, Carol Felsenthal [*The Sweetheart of the Silent Majority*, page 186]. However, as the letter below proves, both Phyllis and her husband joined the JBS in 1959.



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FBI Associate Director Clyde Tolson asking for and receiving J. Edgar Hoover's approval for wording of replies to inquiries about Hoover's caustic 11/18/64 press conference statement about Robert Welch



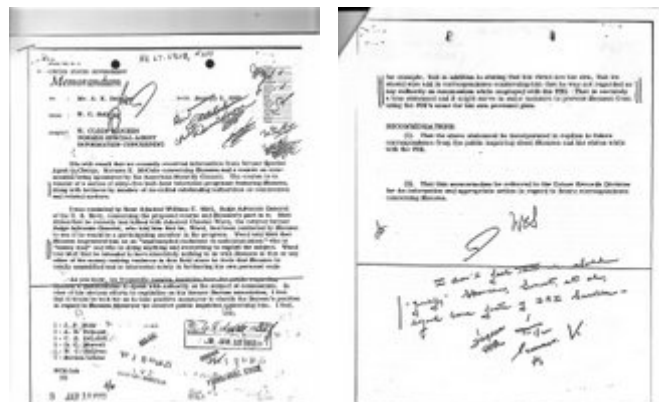
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W. Cleon Skousen: NOT a "top aide" to J. Edgar Hoover as both he and his admirers claimed [HQ 94-47468, #88; 8/22/68]



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W. Cleon Skousen NOT an expert on communism while in FBI [HQ 67-69602, #338, 2 pages; 1/2/63]



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Synopsis of FBI review of Skousen 3/71 article, *Home Grown Subversion* [HQ 94-47468, #98; 4/19/71]



007

J. Edgar Hoover 2/5/62 letter to Mrs. W.R. Brown [HQ 94-1-369, #1676] re: lack of CPUSA success. [Note: due to anomaly with my scanner – this may not enlarge by clicking on it. I will be happy to send a copy by email to anyone who wants to see it. Send request to ernie1241@aol.com]



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J. Edgar Hoover July 1963 reply to inquiry which refutes extreme right allegations of significant Communist influence within U.S. clergy and religious institutions.



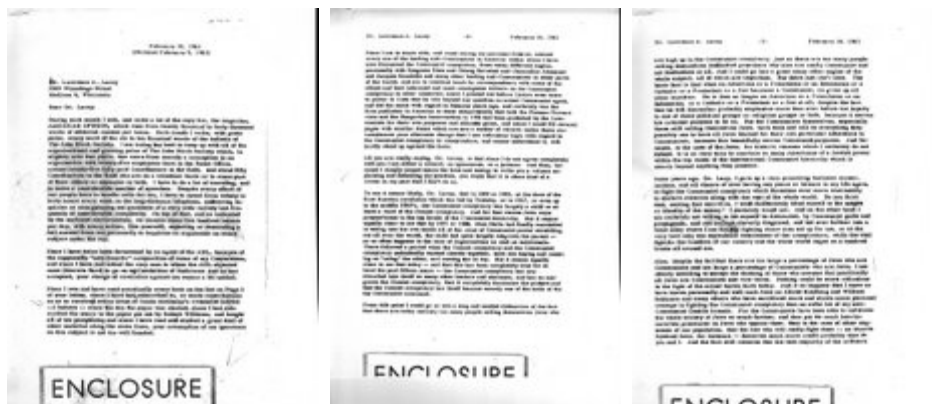
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Robert Morris (Chief Counsel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee) letter to me regarding Harry Overstreet. Robert Welch and the Birch Society claimed, falsely, that Overstreet was "pro-Communist".



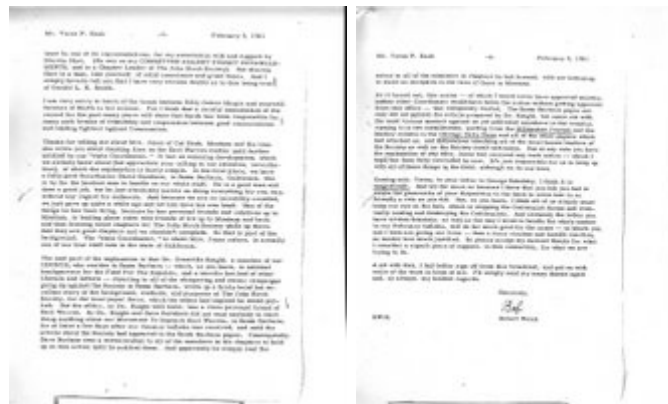
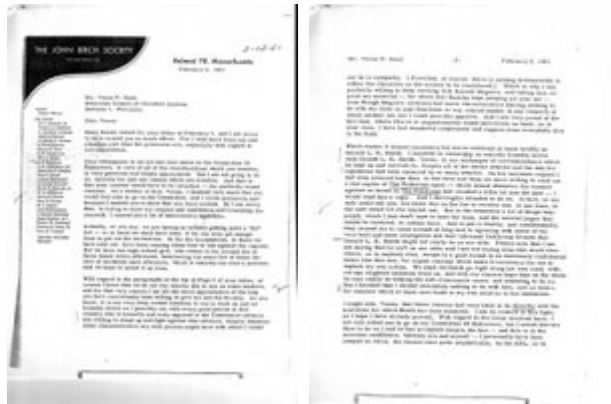
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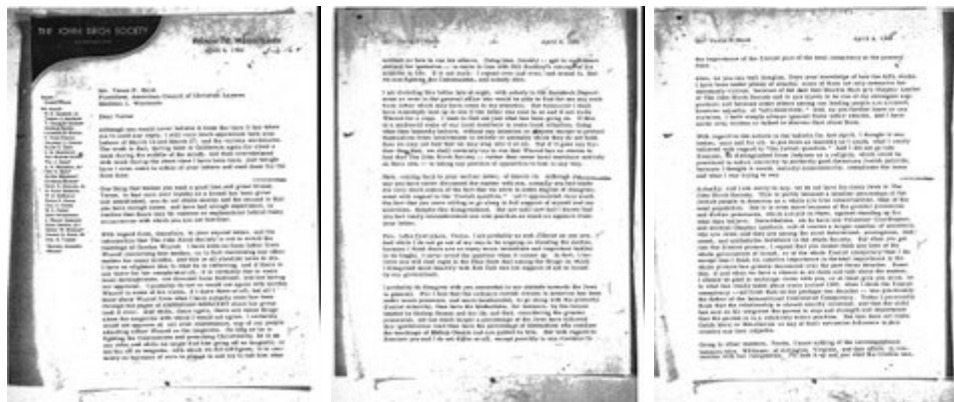
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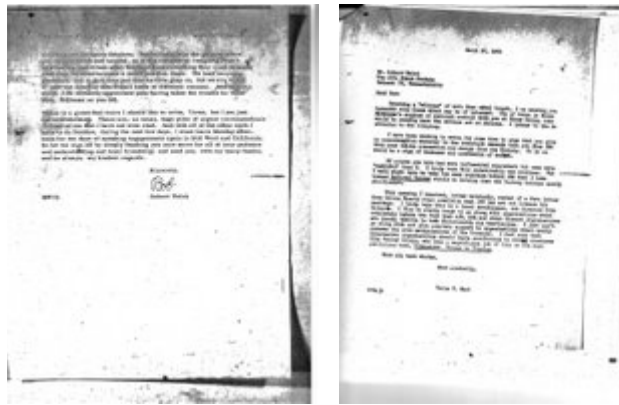
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Robert Welch letter to Verne Kaub and Kaub's original letter to Welch re: zionism-Israel





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Communist Party USA membership 1919-1954 per FBI monograph summary, As of February 1960, CP membership dropped to 5600 according to FBI memo in HQ file 62-85557, serial #1703 (2/11/60, M.A. Jones to DeLoach)

Fig. 1 - MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN THE UNITED STATES

1920-1954	
1920	25,000
1921	45,000
1922	4,500
1923	10,000
1924	15,000
1925	15,000
1926	15,000
1927	15,000
1928	15,000
1929	15,000
1930	15,000
1931	15,000
1932	15,000
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1945	15,000
1946	15,000
1947	15,000
1948	15,000
1949	15,000
1950	15,000
1951	15,000
1952	15,000
1953	15,000
1954	15,000

Showing the first year of the Communist Party's existence, membership peaked at 45,000 in 1921. The last year recorded is 15,000 in the second column.

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FBI Security Index Statistical Report

On February 9, 1950, Senator Joseph McCarthy made a Lincoln's Day speech to the Republican Women's Club in Wheeling, WV in which he declared:

<http://www.wvculture.org/History/government/mccarthy.html>

"While I cannot take the time to name all of the men in the State Department who have been named as members of the Communist Party and members of a spy ring, I have here in my hand a list of 205 that were known to the Secretary of State as being members of the Communist Party and who, nevertheless, are still working and shaping the policy in the State Department."

McCarthy subsequently revised the number to 57 in a telegram he sent to President Truman on February 11, 1950 and in remarks he submitted in the Congressional Record on February 20th.

<http://www.english.illinois.edu/maps/mccarthy/telegram.htm>

The FBI Security Index file indicates that McCarthy's numbers (whichever one you prefer to use) were total hallucinations.

According to the Bureau:

"The Security Index includes the names of persons who are considered dangerous or potentially dangerous to the internal security of the United States and, as such, should be given consideration for apprehension and detention in the event of an emergency. The dangerousness of each person whose name is included in the Security Index has been determined as the result of Bureau investigation." [HQ 100-358086, #500; 1/11/51]

The Security Index included known or suspected Communist Party members, leaders in Communist front organizations, and assorted radicals who were considered potentially or actually dangerous during time of national emergency.

Furthermore, a "Special Section" of the Security Index captured statistical data on 4 specific categories of Security Index names: (1) Foreign Government employees, (2) United Nations employees, (3) Atomic Energy Program employees and (4) United States Government Employees.

Furthermore:

"United States Government employees considered dangerous or potentially dangerous to the internal security are maintained in the Special Section even though their cases are still pending under the Loyalty Program or the case has been determined in their favor by the Loyalty Board." [HQ 100-358086, #500, 1/11/51, page 6]

The Bureau's Security Index Card statistical report of February 15, 1950 is broken down by field office. The FBI's Washington DC field office lists a total of 43 individuals in its "Detention

of Communists" [DC] column (all categories combined). [HQ 100-358086, #134; 2/15/50 statistical report]

A subsequent serial indicates that there were only 4 individuals on the Security Index for Washington field who worked in some capacity in the U.S. Government. The total number of Federal Government employees nationwide on the Security Index was 64. [HQ 100-358086, #227 dated 10/25/51]



018 = GEORGE RACEY JORDAN

